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GERMANY.

Report from Berlin—Status of cholera in Russia.

The following is received from Consul-General Thackara, under date of October 6:

According to the latest official statistics, there were registered in the whole of the Russian Empire during the period from September 25 to October 1, 3,251 cases of cholera with 1,571 deaths, as compared with 4,922 cases and 2,281 deaths in the previous week. Since the outbreak of the present epidemic the total number of cases recorded now amounts to 19,612 with 8,947 deaths.

Inspection of Russian emigrants at German frontier control stations and ports of embarkation.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Grubbs, on temporary duty at Libau, Russia, reports, September 30:

The president of the imperial health board considers that cholera in Russia is slightly upon the increase. He stated that every suspected case in Germany has been carefully investigated, but that no true cholera has been found. Russian emigrants bound for the United States have been held at Bremen to complete 5 days from their inspection at the German control station and all Russian baggage not bearing the German disinfection label is being disinfected.

All Russian emigrants bound for Bremerhaven or Hamburg pass also through the control station at Berlin, so that in the two or three days necessary for them to go from the Russian-German frontier to the port of departure they are inspected 3 times.

HAWAII.

Reports from Honolulu—Examination of rats for plague infection.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Currie reports, September 19 and 26:

Week ended September 19.

Rats trapped in Honolulu.....	587
Rats found dead in Honolulu.....	0
Rats shot from trees in Honolulu.....	238
Total rats taken in Honolulu.....	825
Rats examined bacteriologically.....	680
Rats showing plague infection.....	0

CLASSIFICATION OF RATS SHOT FROM TREES.

<i>Mus alexandrinus</i>	147
<i>Mus rattus</i>	41
Total classified.....	188

CLASSIFICATION OF RATS TRAPPED.

<i>Mus rattus</i>	192
<i>Mus norvegicus</i>	37
<i>Mus alexandrinus</i>	57
<i>Mus musculus</i>	301
Total classified.....	587
Average number of traps set daily.....	1,438

Week ended September 26.

Rats trapped in Honolulu.....	744
Rats found dead in Honolulu.....	0
Rats shot from trees in Honolulu.....	174
Total rats taken in Honolulu.....	918
Rats examined bacteriologically.....	733
Rats from Honolulu showing plague infection.....	0

CLASSIFICATION OF RATS SHOT FROM TREES.

<i>Mus alexandrinus</i>	92
<i>Mus rattus</i>	45
Total classified.....	137

CLASSIFICATION OF RATS TRAPPED.

<i>Mus rattus</i>	163
<i>Mus norvegicus</i>	68
<i>Mus alexandrinus</i>	84
<i>Mus musculus</i>	429
Total classified.....	744
Average number of traps set daily.....	1, 438

INDIA.

Reports from Calcutta—Transactions of service—Cholera, plague, and smallpox—Plague in India and Bengal.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Eakins reports, September 17 and 24:

Week ended September 12, no transactions.

Week ended September 19, bill of health issued to the steamship *Kabinga*, bound for Boston and New York, with a total crew of 63, and to the steamship *Kybfels*, bound for Philadelphia and New York, with a total crew of 59.

Usual precautions taken.

Week ended September 5, 8 deaths from cholera, 11 from plague, and 2 from smallpox in Calcutta.

In Bengal, week ended September 5, 21 cases and 18 deaths from plague. In India during the same period, 2,099 cases and 1,502 deaths from plague.

Week ended September 12, there were 5 deaths from cholera and 9 from plague in Calcutta.

In Bengal, during the week there were 22 cases and 15 deaths from plague. In India during the same period, 2,503 cases and 1,581 deaths from plague.

Smallpox in Bengal in 1907—Vaccination.

The following is received from Consul-General Michael, under date of August 27:

According to the report of the sanitary commissioner of Bengal, the total mortality from smallpox was for the past year 29,066, against 22,206 and 7,213 in 1906 and 1905, respectively. The report says: "There were many localized outbreaks of the disease, and vaccination and revaccination had to be carried on even during the hot-weather months to stamp them out. Altogether 1,938,525 vaccinations were performed during 1907, against 2,087,491 during the previous year.